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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
KEIICHI TANAKA :ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. APPLICATION :
(Based on PCT/JP98/05373)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: STAGE UNIT AND ITS :
MAKING METHOD, AND
EXPOSURE APPARATUS
AND ITS MAKING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 4, lines 19-27, please replace the paragraph with the following:

From a first aspect, the present invention is a stage unit that is equipped with a driving
unit including a mover and a stator; and a reaction canceling mechanism to apply to the stator
a force canceling a reaction acting on the stator by electromagnetic interaction. This stage
unit is referred to as a "first stage unit of the present invention" hereafter.

Page 7, lines 20-28, please replace the paragraph with the following:
